

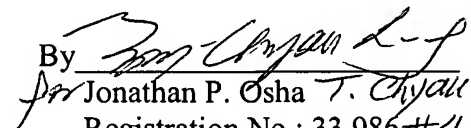
REMARKS

In the Office Action dated January 3, 2005, the Examiner issued a non-statutory double patenting rejection for claims 1-9 of the present Application. Applicant respectfully submits herewith a Terminal Disclaimer in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.321, limiting the term of any patent issued from the present application to no longer than the remaining term of commonly owned U.S. Patent No. 6,213,431 and U.S. Patent No. 6,648,275. Furthermore, in response to the Examiner's objection to the specification, the introductory paragraph is hereby amended to reflect the current status of Application 09/829,043.

Applicant believes this reply is fully responsive to all outstanding issues and places this application in condition for allowance. If this belief is incorrect, or other issues arise, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned or his associates at the telephone number listed below. Please apply any charges not covered, or any credits, to Deposit Account 50-0591 (Reference Number 09058/004003).

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